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In re application of : March 10, 2003  
Nimrod Megiddo : Group Art Unit: 3629  
Serial No.: 09/533,325 : Examiner: Naresh Vig  
Filed: March 22, 2000 : San Jose, California  
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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR  
AUTOMATICALLY MANAGING CONTRACTS

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On January 9, 2003, the Examiner mailed a Final Office Action (paper 11) for the above-identified application. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6 and 12-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Minder (USPN 6144943) in view of Gundewar (USPN 6381610) and further in view of "Electronic Transactions Are The Future, Says NAR President" referred to hereafter as Evans. Claims 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Minder in view of Gundewar and further in view of Evans and Leymann (USPN 6122633). Claims 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Minder in view of Gundewar and further in view of Evans and a New York Times website hereafter known as NYTimes. Entry of the amendments below, which are believed to place the application in better condition for allowance or appeal, and reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-3, 5-8, 11, 14, and 17-20, and amend claims 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, and 21-22 so that the pending claims read as follows:

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Docket No. ARC000009US1-IBM  
(PATENT)

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the Application of Nimrod Megiddo Serial No.: 09/533,325

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are the following:

Change of Correspondence  
Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection  
✓ Amendment after Final Rejection  
Response/Amendment  
Response to Restriction Requirement  
Letter to Drawing Review Branch  
Certificate of Correction  
Other : *Recordation of Assignment Cover Sheet*

Information Disclosure Statement  
Declaration and Power of Attorney  
Assignment of the Invention (\$40.00)  
Notice to File Missing Parts (\$130.00)  
Petition for Extension of Time  
Issue Fee (\$1,290.00)  
Notice of Appeal (\$300.00)  
Appeal Brief (\$300.00)

✓ **NO ADDITIONAL FEE IS REQUIRED**

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OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid for	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
SUBTOTAL FROM ABOVE					\$ 0.00
TOTAL CLAIMS			0	× 18 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS			0	× 84 =	
MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM PRESENTED				+280 =	
TOTAL					\$ 0.00

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**Respectfully submitted,**  
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